

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

The 292nd meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chiefs' Council was held at the West Islip Fire Department on Friday, March 10, 2006. President Chris McKay called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M.

Flag salute led by West Islip Chief Kenneth Epp.

Invocation offered by Father Dan Harris. West Islip Chief Kenneth Epp welcomed the Council and President Chris McKay responded.

Officers present were President Chris McKay, 1st Vice President Craig Zitek, 2nd Vice President Scott Thebold, Treasurer John Urevich, and Recording Secretary John Carney.

Past Presidents in attendance were Ronald Barz, Don Corkery, William Murray, Michael DeNicolo, and Gregory Anderson.

Town Presidents/Officers in attendance were Pres. Mike Barry – Brookhaven, Pres. Joey D'Alessandro – Huntington, Vice Pres. John Carney - Islip, Representative - Greg Anderson – Smithtown, Pres. Ed Boyd – Southold, Pres. Drew Silverman – SC Volunteer Ambulance Chiefs' Association.

GUESTS:

Deputy Commissioner Brad Maier – Suffolk County FRES, Chief Thomas Kost Dick Stockinger – Suffolk County Fire Academy, Deputy Chief Dick Stockinger – Suffolk County Fire Academy, Bob Demoustes – Suffolk County Burn Center M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 291st meeting as posted on the web.

MONTHLY PROGRAM:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Correspondence:

Received minutes from SC Volunteer Firemen's Association Mtg held on 1/24/06. Received thank you cards from John & Cis Strickland and their family for the donation & sympathy cards for Suzanne Marie Spicker.

Arson Task Force: No report.

Suffolk County Burn Center: Bob DeMoustes
A letter was received from SC FRES for all fire departments/fire districts re: revised procedure for admitting/care of firefighters with burn injuries at the Burn Center. While the Burn Center is open at all times, it is not staffed 24 hours/day by a burn surgeon. The current process is a victim w/ burn injuries will be taken to the Stony Brook Hospital ER first and evaluated, and if needed, transferred to the Burn Center. The Burn Center now would like to have a full time burn nurse at the Center. The Steering Committee would also like to be notified via alpha page through SC FRES whenever a firefighter is taken to the Burn Center.

The Burn Center Recognition Day is 5/21 at 1:00 P.M. at the University Hospital of Stony Brook. Everyone, especially the fire service, is encouraged to attend this event that is held annually to honor the Burn Center staff and its contributors for its continued efforts in patient care, research, and new treatment technologies.

FRES: Deputy Commissioner Brad Maier
FRES sent out a letter to all fire departments/EMS agencies re: NIMS compliance. All agencies are required to pass a resolution adopting the NIMS standard. Non-compliance with these requirements may result in the denial of grant funding. FRES is requesting that all NIMS compliance resolutions be forwarded to FRES between July – August 2006 in order to give time for FRES to submit all requirements to DHS by August 15, 2006. If you need a sample resolution, contact Rick Gimbl of FRES.

FRES would like to thank the SC Fire Chiefs' Council for hosting the breakfast at the recent New Fire Chiefs' Seminar which was attended by over 40 new Fire Chiefs. The next training for new Fire Chiefs is scheduled for May 20th.

FRES received so far 29 responses from 109 SC fire departments for the Equipment/Resources Survey sent out a couple of months ago.

FRES continues to work on the First Responder Sheltering survey to identify which fire departments/EMS agencies have sheltering plans for their families in the event of a disaster. FRES is requesting that all departments complete their surveys and forward them to FRES.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Tom Kost/Dick Stockinger

The new flashover simulator has been delivered to SCFA. SCFA would like to thank KeySpan for the use of their crane. Letters of application for flashover simulator training were sent out to all fire departments. Deadline for submittal is 3/26. Lottery in the order in which training will be scheduled will be held on 3/31. Classes will start sometime during the 1st – 2nd week of May. Jim McDermott will be the lead instructor. Strict guidelines will be followed during the training program - household materials and furniture will not be used like in other simulations. SCFA stated that PPE will not be damaged during the flashover simulation. There will be two training formats: the first format is the department can hold their classroom and hands on training at the SCFA. The second format is to hold the department's classroom training at your respective fire house and schedule the hands on training at the SCFA.

Technical Rescue Training Drill will be held on April 1st at the SCFA.

SCFA sent out to all fire departments the NIMS Training Guidelines required to comply with FEMA directives on NIMS. SCFA will start offering NIMS 700 and ICS 100 to the fire services sometime towards the end of April or beginning of May.

There are four levels training under the NIMS guidelines with 3 of them affecting our fire service directly:

- Entry Level First Responders & Disaster Workers (EMS & firefighters) – required training includes IS-700 and ICS-100
- First Line Supervisors (Line officers in the fire service) – required training includes IS-700, ICS-100, & ICS-200
- Middle Management (Assistant Chiefs & Chiefs) – required training includes IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200, & ICS-300 (required starting 2007)
- Command and General Staff (for agency department heads w/ multi-agency coordination responsibilities, emergency managers, etc.) –

FEMA will not be asking fire departments for their list of trained personnel but letters of compliance are required. In order to be able to get approval for fire grants, FRES/SCFA recommend that letters state that the fire department is “trying to be in compliance by the required deadline” so that it covers members who are not active and live outside the fire district such as Florida. If anyone needs details on the NIMS requirements and training offered by the SCFA, contact Deputy Director Dick Stockinger of SCFA at (631) 924-6822.

VEEB: No representation.

FRES Commission: No representation.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:

Mike Felice. Application for contract is needed by 9/25 together with the required deposit.

Joint Council: Chris McKay

LIPA: No representation.

New York State Association of Fire Chiefs:

Don Corkery – The NYS Fire Chiefs' Convention is being set up for June 15 at Lake George. Any department who has not registered must do so right away. All rooms are booked but less than half have registered with names with the hotels so far. For registration, please contact Site Solutions at 1-800-676-FIRE. State Chiefs will be staying at the Marine Village Inn which is the first hotel right outside of town. There will be a lot of NIMS compliance discussions and networking among the chiefs attending the seminar. There will be two big tents set up right on the beach for the displays/exhibits. The seminars will be held at the Fort William Henry Hotel. Hands on training will be held at the local training facility. We expect this seminar

to be like the days at the Concord – the focus will be on training. SC Chiefs will be holding a reception to celebrate Bob Holley's election as the new President of the NYS Fire Chiefs' Association. He will be only the 3rd President coming from Suffolk County after 101 years of the Association's existence. A blast fax will be sent to every department inviting all departments to attend the reception and requesting for a \$100 donation or whatever the department can afford to help finance the event.

Radio Committee: No representation.

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz Suffolk County has 4 tables reserved for the Congressional Fire Services Dinner. Congressman Steve Israel will be sitting with the Suffolk County delegation. Have not heard back from Congressman Tim Bishop nor Congressman Peter King. Next year, the Congressional Fire Services dinner will be held two weeks before the elections and not during the same week. FASNY and a representative from Senator Curt Walden's office will also be sitting with Suffolk County delegation.

Bob Holley will be coming in as President of the NYS Chiefs' Association.

Regional E.M.S. Council: Ed Boyd

The next REMSCO meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4/2 at 7:00 P.M. at the EMS office in Hauppauge.

Location has not yet been determined but it is proposed that REMSCO will be holding its meetings one in the east and the next on the west end of Suffolk County.

Wild Fire Task Force: No representation.

Chaplain: No report

Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association:

No representation.

TOWN PRESIDENTS:

Babylon Township: Next meeting of the Babylon Town Chiefs is Wednesday, 3/15.

Brookhaven Township: Mike Barry

Next meeting of the Brookhaven Town Chiefs is scheduled for next Friday, 3/24 at the Gordon Heights Fire Department.

East Hampton Township: No representation.

Huntington Township: Joey D'Alessandro

No report.

Islip Township: John Carney

No report.

Peconic Chiefs: No representation.

Smithtown Township: Greg Anderson

No representation.

Southampton Township: No representation.

Southold Township: Ed Boyd

The next meeting of the Southold Town Chiefs is the 3rd Monday in April in Shelter Island.

Riverhead Township: No representation.

Suffolk County Volunteer Ambulance Association:

Drew Silverman - No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The annual fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund was held on 3/31 at the Brookhaven National Lab. Guest speaker was Chief Billy Goldfeder. A preliminary report from Rick Van De Kieft:

Breakdown:

Attendance – 261

Pre-Registration – 169

At-the-Door Registrants – 79

No Charge for 13 BNL staff who helped in the setup

Receipts/Cash at the Door \$200

Checks Received \$3,470

Subtotal \$3,670

Outstanding Vouchers \$7,000

Potential Receipts \$10,670

Additional Cash:

Donation from North Babylon \$500

Potential Receipts \$11,170

Expenses to Date:

Postage & Envelope \$82

Postage & Mailing \$39

Coffee/Cake \$296

Extra Water \$53

Fee for Chief Billy Goldfeder \$1,500

Total Expenses \$1,970.29

There will be small expenses for certificates & mailing.

NEW BUSINESS:

M/M/S/A to donate \$500 for Bob Holley’s reception.

M/M/S/A for the Treasurer to hold checks received for

Bob Holley’s reception until it is time to disperse them.

For the Congressional Fire Services, a suggestion was made by Ron Barz that when a department sends in a check for an application/reservation, the department must always write in Suffolk County in the check.

M/M/S/A to pay FRES Commission dues for \$50.

Chief Bob Hulsey (Bay Shore Fire Department) brought up possible support for the Lou Gehrig’s Disease Ride starting from the Intrepid in NYC through Nassau and Suffolk ending in Montauk. Chief Hulsey requested that in support of this event, he would like to request that each Fire Department to provide a fire truck to welcome and lead the riders as they enter their town/fire district.

Request was also made to support the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund that will be used to finance the building of the state-of-the-Art Rehabilitation Center of the Walter Reed Hospital for our soldiers injured overseas. While this is being built primarily through private funds, request is being made if Suffolk County can provide support for this cause by sending in \$100 each from every fire department. A letter will be sent out to each department from the SC Fire Chiefs’ Council requesting support for this cause.

M/M/S/A to take a Gold Page journal ad for SC Fire District’s Association in the amount of \$300. Deadline for journal ad is March 15.

The annual Golf Outing scheduled for 9/25 will follow the same format as previous years. Players invited last year will be invited again this year.

M/M/S/A for the Council not to hold an Annual Outing this year.

Chief Jay Egan’s name was not nominated by the Suffolk County Executive for approval to be a member of the FRES Commission. A meeting was held between President Chris McKay and the County Executive to discuss this matter. During the meeting, Mr. Levy stated that he will check into it and review the matter. This will not prevent Chief Egan from serving any committees or holding any positions in the FRES Commission.

M/M/S/A to send a letter to the County Executive if the Council does not hear back from the County Executive within the next month about his commitment to review and check into Chief Jay Egan’s name not being nominated in the FRES Commission this year.

FEMA grants are already open for application. Safer Grants are also open for application with a deadline of April 6. Departments should answer questions on NIMS as best as they can.

Drew Silverman thanked the Council for their support for the past two years during his term as Chairman of the FRES Commission. He also announced that the new officers of the FRES Commission include: Vincent Bologna – Chairman; Bobby Knight – Vice Chairman; and Fred Thornhill – Treasurer.

TREASURER’S REPORT: John Urevich
FF Benefit Fund.....\$4701.29
Checking\$6,639.76
Money Market.....\$37,691.20
Total Assets:.....\$49,032.25

Bills:

FRES Commission Dues:\$50.00

M/M/S/A to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted and pay the bill received for \$50.00.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

The Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters’ Association is holding memorial services on Sunday, 5/7 at 7:00 P.M. at the Mastic Beach Fire Department in honor of our Suffolk County firefighters who passed away last year.

SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT:

Departments (27), Chiefs (3), Asst. Chiefs (19), Ex-Chiefs (48), Guests (4) Total Attendance: (74)

Dark Horse: \$159.00

BENEDICTION: Rev. Dan Harris

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 P.M.

Next Meeting: Montauk Fire Department

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The next meeting of the
**Fire Chief's Council
of Suffolk County, Inc.**

will be held on

May 12, 2006

at

Montauk Fire Department

**Dinner 7:30 PM
Meeting 8:00 PM**

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Council Meetings

<u>2006</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 12	Montauk F.D.
July 14	N. Lindenhurst F.D.
Sept. 8	Copiague F.D.
Nov. 10	Southampton F.D.

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